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SUBJECT: ISRAEL COMPLAINS OF EGYPTIAN VIOLATION OF INTERIM AGREEMENT

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1. ISRAEL HAS COMPLAINED TO UNEF THAT EGYPT HAS VIOLATED
THE SINAI II AGREEMENT BY MOVING LARGE MILITARY FORCES
ACROSS THE SUEZ CANAL DURING RECENT MILITARY EXERCISES,
ACCORDING TO A MAARIV REPORT MAY 10. MAARIV STATED THAT
THE ISRAELI COMPLAINT MAY HAVE ARISEN BECUASE THE EGYPTIAN
FORCES IN QUESTION STAYED LONGER ON THE EASTERN BANK OF
THE SUEZ THAN SIMILAR FORCES HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.

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2. THE EGYPTIANS WERE PRACTICING ON "OFFENSIVE EXERCISES
IN THE SINAI BUFFER ZONE" AND ON "THE CAPTURE OF DIS-
POSITIONS EAST OF THE SUEZ," STILL ACCORDING TO MAARIV,
WHICH CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT ISRAEL'S COMPLAINT CAME
AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF "VARIOUS PHENOMENA" IN THE
ARAB WORLD INDICATING TO ISRAELI EXPERTS THAT
ENERGETIC MILITARY PREPARATIONS MAY SIGNAL PLANS

FOR A MILITARY OPERATION, OR A THREAT TO DO SO.

3. RADIO ISRAEL MAY 10 LED OFF ITS AFTERNOON NEWS
WITH WHAT WE TAKE TO BE THE SAME STORY, MENTIONING
THAT ONE ISRAELI DIVISION AND TWO EGYPTIAN DIVISIONS
HAVE RECENTLY HELD MILITARY EXERCISES IN SINAI.

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4. COMMENT: THERE MAY BE AN ELEMENT OF ELECTIONEERING
IN THE TIMING OF THIS ISRAELI COMPLAINT, BUT THE
ISRAELIS REMAIN GENUINELY SKEPTICAL THAT "EVEN" THE
EGYPTIANS ARE PREPARED TO MAKE REAL PEACE.
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